

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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State Parks' 100 percent reservation questions and answers

With North Dakota's state parks returning to full services this weekend, it's appropriate to note that two parks – Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park and Lake Metigoshe State Park – have 100 percent of their camping sites available through reservations. In the other 11 state parks the mix of reserved and first-come, first-served campsites are about 50/50.

Since instituting the 100 percent reservation availability in February, at Fort Abraham Lincoln and Lake Metigoshe state parks, a number of questions have started to come in from park visitors. In an effort to answer the most frequently asked questions the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) has put together a question and answer sheet on its website at www.parkrec.nd.gov under the "News" section of its front page. If the guide doesn't provide the answers you are looking for, contact either Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park (701-667-6340), Lake Metigoshe State Park (701-263-4651) or NDPRD headquarters (701-328-5357).

North Dakota's State Parks return to full services on Friday, May 16. Seasonal staffing is in place to meet the needs of park visitors, making sure they have a great experience.

Daily vehicle entrance fees are \$5 or a \$25 annual pass can be purchased which expires May 1, 2015. The annual pass is good for any of the state park system's 13 parks and discounts are provided to seniors and disabled military veterans. Annual passes are available for purchase at the state parks and the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department in Bismarck at 1600 E. Century Ave., Suite #3. They can also be purchased online at www.parkrec.nd.gov.

Camping sites, cabins and yurts can be reserved by calling 800-807-4723 or online at www.parkrec.nd.gov. Those visiting Icelandic State Park will have to use a detour to reach the campground. The access road over the Renwick Dam has been closed to allow reconstruction of the facility.

More information about the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and its offerings can be found on its website at www.parkrec.nd.gov.